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KETOENOLS USEFUL AS PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES
ART UNIT : 1624
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

^{a1} Please insert as the first sentence - This application is a division of US Serial No. 09/404,424,
filed September 29, 1999, ^{US Patent No. 6380246,} now ~~allowed~~, which is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 08/945,664, filed
October 31, 1997, now abandoned, which is a 371 of PCT/EP96/01781, filed April 29, 1996.- -

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute claims 1-4 with amended claims 1-4 (see next page):

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